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Dannie Mae McKibbins' house in St. Paul.*

Congresswoman McCollum Joins President Jimmy Carter in Habitat for Humanity

This week, former President Jimmy Carter visited the St. Paul area in celebration of Habitat for Humanity's 27th annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project. [Congresswoman McCollum, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, and former Vice President Walter Mondale joined President Carter](#) to help build and revitalize homes in areas of St. Paul hit hardest by foreclosures.

Congresswoman McCollum and President Carter helped improve Dannie Mae McKibbins' house on the east side of St. Paul. A retired nurse, Ms. McKibbins needed some extra help to improve her house. Mayor Coleman helped paint her house while other volunteers helped clear away overgrown shrubs.

Minnesota Small Businesses to Get Boost from Federal Government

Last month, Congressional Democrats passed and President Obama signed the Small Business Jobs Act (H.R. 5297) into law. As a direct result of this legislation, small businesses across Minnesota will receive loans to help alleviate ongoing fiscal burdens and hiring constraints.

"Once again, Democrats in Congress have taken swift action to save small businesses and jobs, which are especially critical in this economy," [said Congresswoman McCollum](#). "Small businesses all across Minnesota will get much needed relief from tight lending standards and

high taxes. The federal government's investment in the small business sector will go a long way in helping jumpstart local economic growth and job creation."

Integrated Energy Corridor Highlight of Meeting with Local Leaders

Congresswoman Betty McCollum met government officials and local business leaders to discuss the Integrated Energy Corridor - a proposal to incorporate renewable energy and efficiency within the Central Corridor LRT line. Extending renewable, thermal energy to businesses and residences along University Avenue will result in hundreds of clean energy jobs and renewable energy at stable prices for St. Paul residents. Congresswoman McCollum also [touted the benefits of the Integrated Energy Corridor](#) to Vice President Joe Biden during his visit to St. Paul this week.

2010 National Summit On Health Care Quality and Value

Health care providers, consumer advocates, employers, and other interested stakeholders met at the [2010 National Summit On Health Care Quality and Value](#) to discuss improving quality and efficiency in health care. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Administrator Dr. Don Berwick gave speeches, emphasizing the need to reform the current health care system.

Dr. Joseph Tashjian, Chief of Staff-elect at Regions Hospital and the immediate past President of St. Paul Radiology, participated in a panel that discussed ways to promote quality care through payment redesign.

The summit was a direct result of the Congressional Quality Care Caucus' legislative efforts. Formed earlier this year, the Congressional Quality Care Caucus provides Members of Congress a forum to transform the health care system to reward value in care and make evidence-based, quality care the standard regardless of location in the United States. The Caucus also continues to address geographic variations in Medicare reimbursement for seniors.